

WHEREAS, Sunday, the Nineteenth Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Six marks the day acclaimed by the Houghton Community for a special celebration to honor a very gracious and outstanding person, Ruth Mitchell; and,

WHEREAS, This lovely lady, Ruth, was born in Logansport, Indiana, to Minnie and Emanuel Ream, whose ancestors came to America before the Revolution. Ruth has two sisters and one brother, who died in World War I; and,

WHEREAS, Ruth, a well educated person is a self-educated woman who received her elementary and two years of high school education in Logansport. Then, by her own fierce determination, energy, wit and will, studied, wrote and passed teachers' examinations in South Dakota and took summer school training until she received certification to teach in both rural and high schools; and,

WHEREAS, Ruth, an excellent teacher, began her career in 1900, in Parkway School near Aberdeen, continuing in Gem, Ordway, Shelby and Lansing Townships and taught high school in Houghton, thereby affecting the lives, the thoughts and the goals of all her students; and,

WHEREAS, Ruth met and married William Mitchell on May 31, 1917, and lived in Lansing Township from the days of the corn cob cooking range to the REA electric stove. Ruth and William were saddened in 1935 by the loss of their lovely eight-year-old daughter, Margaret, and William passed away in the year 1971; and,

WHEREAS, Today we honor this beautiful lady, Ruth, who has dedicated her life to service, who has the courage of her forefathers, and who has served with humbleness and spiritual purpose; and,

WHEREAS, This event is worthy of public recognition in the State of South Dakota, and it is fitting and proper that the Governor make note of this joyous occasion:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 19, 1976, as

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in South Dakota, and join with her many friends and relatives in celebration and in wishing her an abundance of happiness on this special day.

R. F. Kneip  
RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth  
LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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